

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the “Related Applications” section on page 1, beginning on line 5, as follows:

This application is a Continuation-in-Part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/711,9831, filed on November 14, 2000, which is a Continuation-in-Part of abandoned U.S. Patent Application No. 09/503,543 filed on February 14,2000, which claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application No. 60/146,422 filed on July 29, 1999.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 8 as follows:

The method, control system and computer program of the present invention are readily adapted for use with powder press manufacturing systems, such as those described in the applicants’ co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No.: 09/711,9831 which is incorporated herein by reference. These systems typically include an independent power source and at least one pressing module remotely associated therewith. Each pressing module comprises at least one punch having an end for pressing a powder material to form a workpiece. At least one punch is operatively associated with a first end of a piston having a second force-receiving end. In one embodiment, the punch that is operatively associated with the first end of the piston is removable therefrom. Alternatively, the punch that is operatively associated with the first end of the piston may comprise a single monolithic part.